

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 8 to 10, 12 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Wright (US 3,810,055). Claims 2, 6, 7, 13 to 15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Koga (US 5,424,815). Claims 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Bain (US 5,038,680). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Friedrichs (DE 10147486). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Albus (US 2001/0045166).

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 102 Rejections

Claims 1, 8 to 10, 12 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Wright (US 3,810,055).

Claim 1 recites “at least one processing tool accommodated on the rotatable carrier body, the carrier body having, at least partially, a magnetizable coating, the magnetizable coating when magnetized holding the processing tool on the carrier body by magnetic force.”

Under the dictionary.com definition stated in the Office Action, a coating is “a layer of a substance spread over a surface **for protection or decoration.**” The magnetic strip of Wright is not for protection as it already is in a milled groove, and is clearly is not for decoration. Thus the Office Action is on its face in error. While Applicant does not agree with the proffered definition and reserves its rights to offer another definition on appeal, it is respectfully submitted that **even under the definition given by the Examiner, the flexible strip of magnetic material in Wright is not a coating.**

Withdrawal of the rejections with respect to claims 1, 8 to 10, 12 and 16 under Wright is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 103 Rejections

Claims 2, 6, 7, 13 to 15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Koga (US 5,424,815). Claims 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Bain (US 5,038,680). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Friedrichs (DE 10147486). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Albus (US 2001/0045166).

Wright shows a magnetic holding device.

Koga describes a developing device having a toner carrier with a magnetic field generating layer 63 for the toner.

Claims 2 and 17 recite limitations where the magnetizable coating is an electroplating.

Claim 13 recites the device as recited in claim 1 wherein the thickness of the coating is between .001 and 10 mm.

Claim 14 recites the device as recited in claim 13 wherein the thickness of the coating is .01 mm to 1 mm.

Claim 15 recites the device as recited in claim 1 wherein the rotatable carrier body has an outer surface, the magnetizable coating being distributed in a uniform manner over the outer surface.

It is respectfully submitted that one of skill in the art would not have replaced the strips of Wright with the magnetizable coating of Koga. Wright is completely unsuitable as a toner carrier and requires milling and has outer grooves. Electroplating or providing thin coatings or even coating would make no sense in such a grooved structure. There is also no reason or motivation to change the grooved structure of Wright. In addition, the Koga device is not a tool and is an imaging device for holding toner. The asserted Office Action motivation is also not understood- there is no indication in any prior art for a need or reason to save space in Wright.

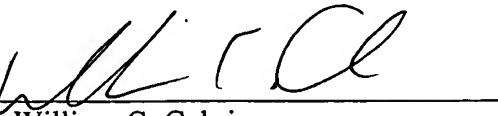
Withdrawal of all of the rejections in view of the arguments to claim 1 above is respectfully requested. In addition, withdrawal of the rejections to claims 2, 13, 14, 15 and 17 is also respectfully requested in view of the comments in this section.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

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